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INFILTRATION IN SOUTHERN STATES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to Coast Guards, infiltration and arms smuggling in the southern States has considerably gone down; and

(b) if so, the comparative figures during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): The Indian Coast Guard provides surveillance in the coastal areas of the southern states.With the intensification of surveillance by Coast Guard aircrafts and ships, the infiltration in southern states has considerably gone down. There has been no reported case of arms smuggling in the southern states.

The comparative figures of infiltration during the last three years are:-

Year	No. of infiltrations (infiltrations from Sri Lanka)
2000	1588
2001	497
2002	74